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In re application of:

Warsawsky et al.

DECISION ON PETITION

Serial No.: 08/893,080

Filed: July 15, 1997

For: 3-Mercaptoacetyl-amino-1,5-substituted-
2-oxo-azepan Derivatives useful as Inhibitors
of Matrix Metalloproteinase

This is a decision on the petition received on February 9, 2001, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed November 28, 1997. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned January 29, 1998. A notice of abandonment was mailed on December 11, 2000.

On February 9, 2001, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that counsel responded to the Notice to File Missing Part on December 22, 1997.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application on December 22, 1997.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 1205.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day at (703) 308-3640.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doshie E. Day".

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